

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Dang for the courtesy extended in the telephone interview on May 1, 2006.

Applicant acknowledges that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 12, 2000 has been considered by the Examiner. The Office Action requested that all the publications listed in the original patent application be listed on form PTO 1449.

Applicant respectfully submits the enclosed form PTO 1449 listing all the publications cited in the original patent application. These references were previously cited on July 12, 2000 and considered by the Examiner. Applicant further respectfully submits that as these publications were previously cited on July 12, 2000 and considered by the Examiner no fee is believed due.

The Office Action requests that all claim amendments made in the Reissue application be submitted with the required markings identifying the additional and deletion of subject matter. In response to the request made in the Office Action, a set of claims identifying added subject matter with underlining and deleted subject matter with strike through are provided herewith. Claims 7 and 9-17, originally filed with the Re-issue application, are currently pending in this application and are allowed. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 7 and 9-17 are now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.173(b)(2) and (d) and thus the application is in condition for allowance.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections, it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at the phone number below, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No additional fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 500716.

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